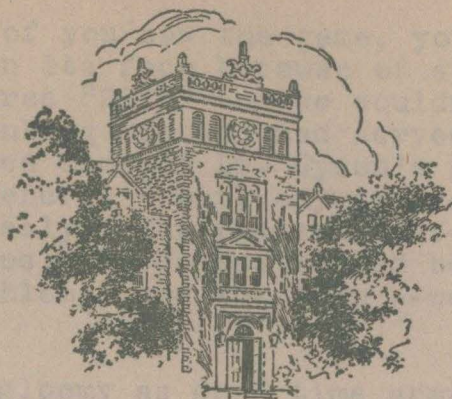


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Dear Mules:

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The mighty football machine that Coaches Schwartzwalder, Lough, Barker and Fellows have fashioned out of this year's material here at Muhlenberg continues to roll. In fact, it is the number one topic of conversation around the campus, the city of Allentown, in sport circles all over the state and many parts of the nation. To date the Mules have won all of their five games played so far this season, and their opponents have all pointed toward defeating the Allentown aggregation, but so far, with very little success.

Swarthmore, fresh from a victory over F. & M. the week before when the Diplomats went down under a 7-6 score, came to Allentown. They left sadder but wiser. The Mules unleashed an attack which netted 8 touchdowns and left the Garnet lads gasping at the fury and ease with which the Mule backs galloped all over the field. Eddie Sikorski sparkled on runs of 13, 50 and 68 yards. Bill Bell's bull's eye passes hit receivers all afternoon and netted three touchdowns. Jack Crider scored twice, "Big Garge" Bibighaus was on the receiving end of two touchdown passes, and Roveda and Schreiber both hit pay dirt territory.

As usual, statistics tell the story. Here are a few on this game.

	Muhlenberg	Swarthmore
First Downs	13	6
Yds. gained scrimmage	276	Minus 5
Passes attempted	23	27
Passes completed	11	8
Yds. gained passes	279	146
Number of punts	4	6
Average yds. of punts	40.5	37.9

Up to this year, the Mules and the Garnets had met eight times on the gridiron, each team winning four games. Last year the Muhlenberg team met defeat by the score of 28-8 at Swarthmore - this year, the tables were reversed.

The F. & M. game had been scheduled as the traditional Home-coming Game at which thousands of alumni annually come back to the campus and visit the college, their friends, professors, and see a good ball game. This year, the program was prepared and, outside of a few difficulties, ran off without a hitch.

The students held the first post-war Pajama Parade on Friday evening before the game when about 500 gaily costumed collegians following their own college band and accompanied by several fraternity floats paraded downtown and for an hour, held an enthusiastic pep meeting at Center Square. Speakers at the Square were Dean of Freshmen, Harry "Haps" (I Gotta Hunch) Benfer, Mayor Brighton C. Diefenderfer, and Dean Sherwood R. Mercer. Haps' pep talks have been a tradition for years and he was his old self, appearing at the rally even against his doctor's orders. The students sang songs, gave cheers, and generally stirred up enthusiasm for the game on Saturday.

The weatherman had us a bit worried, for Friday night was quite wet, but about ten o'clock Saturday morning, the skies cleared, the sun came out, and we had a fine day. Alumni were greeted by four large signs placed at strategic spots around the field bearing the words "Welcome Alumni", the Cardinal Key Society had men posted at the gates distributing "Welcome Home" tags which the returning graduates wore, a half time program was arranged, but this part of the program fizzled out when the P.A. system suddenly decided to take a holiday about two minutes after Haps started announcing the game, but we had a lot of fun and the



game was grand. If any of you saw the game, you can appreciate why the half time program fell on its face because of speaker difficulties - the band formed the figures "2076" and we couldn't tell the crowd that it represented the Muhlenberg men who had served in World War II. Neither could we introduce some of Dr. Tyson's guests - three brigadier generals and one major general - but, anyway everybody who came back enjoyed themselves immensely. The fraternities had arranged parties, had decorated their houses, the campus looked better than ever, in spite of our housing problems, and the team --well, I'll tell you about them right now.

We were a bit gloomy as game time approached for our star quarterback, Bill Bell, was pacing the corridors of the Allentown Hospital, waiting to become a father. Along about 1:15 P.M., Mrs. Bell presented Bill with a fine son and urged him to get into uniform and score one for the youngster. Ever a dutiful husband, Bill hurried back to college, donned his togs, and proceeded to carry out instructions. He scored not one, but two touchdowns, tossed passes which resulted directly in two more, and put on a passing exhibition seldom witnessed on Muhlenberg field.

But Bill wasn't the only star on the horizon that afternoon. He had some very fine assistance from Eddie Sikorski, Jack Crider and Harry Mackin, who tore off a number of very fine gains and generally made things uncomfortable for the Lancaster team during the entire afternoon. The Mules so completely dominated the play that it wasn't until they had rolled up 40 points, that the opposition was able to score in the closing minutes of the ball game. And this was against a whole string of subs.

We got off to an early start with the first score coming exactly eight plays after the kickoff. Sikorski went over from the 10 and Bell made the first of his two touchdowns just before the period ended. Sikorski scored another before the half ended, with Muhlenberg leading 20-0. Our third period was not too good, but we scored again, this time on a pass, Bell to Crider. The final period saw two very sensational scoring plays. Penalties forced us back to our 1 yard line. Bell passed to Miller who went to the 21 before he was downed. On the next play, he passed to Crider who took it on the 45 and continued unmolested to the goalline. Not bad, 99 yards on two plays! Later on in the period, Harry Mackin, personally engineered the final touchdown when he got loose for two runs of 40 and 24 yards in succeeding plays to score. Final score -- Muhlenberg 40, F. & M. 7.

	Muhlenberg	F. & M.
First downs	17	6
Yds. gained rushing	304	64
Forward passes attempted	13	6
Forward passes completed	11	3
Yds. gained passes	185	49
Number of punts	2	8
Average yds. punts	40.	26.7

Muhlenberg is among six teams in the state that have been undefeated so far this season. In scoring, the Mules are in second place, having scored 169 points in five games with 40 points scored against them. Penn with four games played to date, has scored 177 points and has had 25 points registered against them.

In the Eastern scoring race, Sikorski and Crider are tied for fourth place, with 42 points each. Bruno of Geneva is leading the pack with 61, Davis of Army, 54, Minisi of Penn, 48, and Eddie and Jack right in there with 42.

The Junior Varsity squad, under the tutelage of Ernie Fellows, went down fighting to a big University of Delaware J.V. team by the score of 19-0. Wonder if that's a forerunner of our game with Delaware on November 23rd.

Dave DeLong gave voice to the idea, in his column the other night in the Chronicle, that Muhlenberg deserved an invitation to the Glass Bowl game, scheduled for Toledo. 'Tis an idea!

Since the last letter, the soccer squad has competed in four matches, losing three and winning one. They dropped decisions to East Stroudsburg Teachers 4-1, Temple 5-0, and Haverford 2-1. They defeated John Hopkins 4-2. So far this year, they have lost 4 and won 2, but they remain undefeated in the North Atlantic Intercollegiate Soccer League with three more games to be played.



Cross country made its debut at Muhlenberg last Saturday when the Mule harriers ran against F. & M. and Lehigh over the four and a quarter mile course in Trexler Park. The results - - F. & M. 22, Muhlenberg 38, Lehigh 61. Bordman of F. & M. finished first in 22 minutes 39 seconds with Sommerville of Muhlenberg right on his heels in 22.50.

Recently, Muhlenberg entertained the Boy Scouts of the Allentown Conference. The boys arrived on the campus about 10:30 A.M. where they were welcomed by President Tyson and Dean of Students Kendig, heard an address on Muhlenberg and its traditions given by Dr. John D.M. Brown, at the statue, visited the chapel, where the symbolism was explained by Chaplain Doberstein, had lunch, and then saw the Mules defeat Swarthmore in the afternoon.

And now for the mail.

A former Mule athlete, and well known to many alumni, Bill Horine '33 has been signed to coach the Reading Pros in the new professional basketball league to operate in this vicinity. Bill will pit his men against teams from Allentown, coached by Lee Coker, former Mule mentor, Wilkes Barre, Binghamton, N.Y., Lancaster and Hazleton.

Howard Hontz '30 has been discharged from the service and has taken over the athletic reins at Freeland High School.

Joe Chipser V43 is back home in Hellertown and writes his appreciation for the copies of this letter which reached him while in service.

After almost six years of service in the Army, Colonel Charles Trexler '03 was separated on October 15th. He spent a year at Ft. Devens, Mass., two years as Post Chaplain at Walter Reed, temporary duty at Camp Planché, New Orleans, an assignment at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, and finally a tour of duty at Fort Bragg, N.C. which, the Colonel says, "as its name implies, is reputed to be the largest service installation in the world". He has returned to civilian life in New York City.

Jacques C. Rasser '48 reports in from Fort Lewis, Washington, where he is working as a computer in the Fire Direction Center. He ran into Paul Johnson '49 who has come into his section of the country for maneuvers.

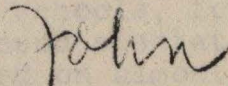
Valentine J. Burkhauser '38 has returned from Japan and is a happy civilian in Trenton, N.J., looking forward to seeing the Lehigh game next week.

Elwood W. Schafer V46 is attending Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

Here is a bit more campus news. Rusty has been promoted to the Kern's Dam territory, where, it is reported, he has ham and eggs for breakfast, a warm room for sleeping, plus a river and a mill race for swimming. Adult education classes are under way with courses given in history of Pennsylvania, two courses in art, and several classes in life insurance. The art exhibitions, so popular before the war, are again being held with the current exhibition featuring casts which Ulfert Wilke decorated for the amusement of soldiers who were patients in military hospitals. The housing program is coming along slowly but surely with the first units scheduled for occupancy about November 1.

Kitty just peeked over my shoulder and said, "Hey boss, you're getting too long winded". Guess I'd better take her advice and sign off. Until another two weeks, then, when I hope to be able to report to you the defeat of Lehigh and Gettysburg, and looking forward to your letters (you've been slipping a bit in that department lately), I am

Cordially,



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